

# House File 343 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for persons seeking election to  
2 township office.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1853HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 39.22, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 a. TOWNSHIP OFFICERS. The election of township officers  
1 4 shall take place at the general election on ballots which  
1 5 shall not reflect a nominee's political affiliation.  
1 6 ~~Nomination shall be made by petition in accordance with~~  
~~1 7 chapter 45. The petition form shall be furnished by the~~  
~~1 8 county commissioner of elections and A person seeking election~~  
~~1 9 as township officer shall be filed file an affidavit of~~  
~~1 10 candidacy with the county commissioner of elections pursuant~~  
~~1 11 to section 45.3. A plurality is sufficient to elect the~~  
1 12 township officers.

1 13 Sec. 2. Section 45.1, subsection 10, Code 2007, is amended  
1 14 by striking the subsection.

1 15 Sec. 3. Section 49.41, is amended by adding the following  
1 16 new unnumbered paragraph:

1 17 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. For purposes of township office,  
1 18 "nomination papers" as used in this section means the  
1 19 affidavit of candidacy required in section 45.3.

1 20 EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill strikes the requirement that a person seeking  
1 22 election to township office must file a nomination petition  
1 23 containing at least 10 signatures and requires only that the  
1 24 person file an affidavit of candidacy.

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